

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in North Carolina and the United States according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer takes the lives of more North Carolinians each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society predicts more than 6,500 citizens of North Carolina will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also predicts lung cancer will claim the lives of approximately 5,500 North Carolinians this year; and

WHEREAS, former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise the majority of new cases of lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer has a 15 percent, five-year survival rate according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, yet have not been embraced as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other less fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina demonstrates its dedication to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina and do urge our citizens to learn more about lung cancer and to do all we can to make lung cancer a public health priority and offer compassion to people with lung cancer.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.